

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 4243-01
BILL NO.: HB 1809
SUBJECT: County Officials; Courts
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 18, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$1,264,413	\$1,517,295	\$1,517,295

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Administration** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (CTS)** indicated the proposed legislation would increase the surcharge on civil cases filed in the City of St. Louis, 22nd Judicial Circuit, from \$35 to \$100 to go to the local courthouse restoration fund. Information obtained by CTS from the St. Louis City Circuit Clerk's office reported annual income from the current \$35 fee of approximately \$817,000. CTS projected this to a \$100 fee resulting in increased income into the local fund of approximately \$1,517,295 per year. CTS assumes the civil case load would not increase significantly from year to year and may even decrease slightly.

Oversight assumes the additional revenue generated from the increase in the surcharge on civil cases would remain consistent through fiscal years 2001, 2002, and 2003.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
<u>Revenue</u> - Increased surcharge on civil cases filed with St. Louis City Circuit Court	\$1,264,413	\$1,517,295	\$1,517,295

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

The proposed legislation could have a fiscal impact on small businesses that file civil cases in the St. Louis City Circuit Court.

DESCRIPTION

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The proposed legislation increases from \$35 to \$100 the surcharge for filing a civil action in the city of St. Louis. The funds must be used for the restoration of courthouses. The proposal has an expiration date of August 28, 2033.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of Administration

NOT RESPONDING: Circuit Clerk of St. Louis City

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Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
February 18, 2000